

Finding Aid of Hewitt A. Brown Cumberland and Harnett County Collection PC.2042

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Summary Information

Repository	State Archives of North Carolina
Title	Hewitt A. Brown Cumberland and Harnett County Collection
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1794-1902
Date [inclusive]	1794-1979
Extent	1.0 boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Collection concerns some individuals and families (surnames include Johnson, McKethan, Kelly, Dickson, and Buie) who lived Cumberland County during the antebellum era; and some who lived in Harnett County (post-1855), after its formation from the northern portion of Cumberland. In contrast to the earlier era when farming the land was the chief occupation, the collection includes some material from the Gifford family, with members who had seen military service, from World War II on. Like many, they had strong connections, not only to family, but also to the U.S. Army installation of Fort Bragg, and eventually settled in the environs, in Harnett County.</p>
Abstract	<p>Papers include land grants; indentures; tax and other receipts; miscellaneous materials; and two slave bills of sale of a young boy named Gim, and a girl named Patsy. Apparently unrelated to these early families is a small quantity of additional material (photographs, negatives, certificates, etc.) concerning the Gifford family, whose members saw U.S. Army military service from World War II until circa 1980.</p>

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Biographical/Historical note

Cumberland County, formed from Bladen in 1754, yielded much of its northern land (1855) to the new county of Harnett. Family surnames represented in this collection (during an approximate time span of 150 years) include Johnson, McKethan, Kelly, and Dickson, McCormick, Morrison, and Buie. During the antebellum era and latter 19th century farming was the chief occupation, with cotton a leading crop. Until the Civil War, 1861-1865, slavery was the overarching social and economic reality.

By the latter part of the 20th century, a large number of families in Harnett County, represented in this collection by the Giffords, had seen military service and had strong connections to the U.S. Army installation of Fort Bragg. (Additionally, Mary Gifford was formerly Mary Hayes of Erwin, Harnett County N.C. Possibly she had long familial roots in the area.) In general, in contrast to the population of the previous two centuries, active military personnel and retirees in the post World War II era came to represent the area's fastest growing demographic.

Collection Overview

For the most part the collection concerns various Cumberland County individuals and families (as early as 1794), some of whom became residents of Harnett County when it was formed in 1855 from portions of northern Cumberland. The papers include land grants; indentures; tax and other receipts; miscellaneous materials; and two slave bills of sale. Apparently unrelated to these early families is additional material (photographs, negatives, certificates, etc.) concerning the Gifford family, whose members saw U.S. Army military service from World War II until circa 1980, then retired in Erwin, Harnett County.

Unrelated to the Gifford family is a 1918 letter regarding enlistment in the U.S. Navy. Material concerning the Gifford family, reflects their life in the U.S. Army and about fifty small photos and negatives of the family and scenes reflecting military life.

Collection Arrangement

By material type and chronologically therein.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

State Archives of North Carolina September 2012

Legal Status note

Gift.

Access Restrictions

Available for research

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Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Buie Family
- Gifford Family
- Johnson family
- Kelly family

Genre(s)

- Indentures
- Photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- Cumberland County (N.C.)
- Harnett County (N.C.)
- Moore County (N.C.)
- West Virginia

Personal Name(s)

- Brown, Hewitt A.
- Buie, Neil
- Gifford, Kenneth S.
- Gifford, Kenneth
- Johnson, Angus
- Johnson, Archibald
- Johnson, Catherine
- Kelly, D.M.
- Kelly, Gim, Slave of Hugh Kelly
- Kelly, Hugh
- Kelly, Neil
- Kelly, Patsy, Slave of Hugh Kelly
- McCormick, Daniel
- McCormick, Patsy, Slave of Daniel McCormick
- Morrison, Gim, Slave of Maures Morrison
- Morrison, Maures

Subject(s)

- Estates--North Carolina
- Land grants--North Carolina.
- Slave bills of sale--North Carolina--Cumberland County--Sources
- World War, 1939-1945

Cumberland and Harnett County Deeds, Tax Receipts, Slave Bills of Sales

Collection Inventory

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	Box	Folder
Land Grant and Survey, Oct. 9, 1794	PC.2042	1
Land Grant, 1794 Oct. 19, Archibald Johnson, outlines the boundaries of land he purchased near Cameron's line, an earlier settler		
Signed by Governor Richard Dobbs Spaight, Secretary James Glasgon, and Thomas Matthews		
Two documents are attached with a ribbon; attached document is signed by surveyor John Campbell		
Indenture , Angus Johnson (witness), 1797	PC.2042	2
Indenture, Jan. 13, 1801	PC.2042	3
Malcom McKethan and Archibald Johnson, seems to relate to the same tract of land as the 20 Oct. 1793 indenture		
Also signed by Angus Kelly and Hugh Kelly.		
Indenture, March 31, 1802	PC.2042	4

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Between John Dickson and Archibald Johnson

Indenture, Sept. 10, 1848

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Between Alexander Murchinson [?] and Angus Johnson, land agreement
\$150Slave Bill of Sale-Gim, Sold from Maures Morrison to Hugh Kelly, Sept.
12, 1823

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September 12, 1823, State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

Know all men by these presents that I Maures Moreson [Morrison] of the County of Moore and State of North Carolina Hath Bargained sold and Declared to Hugh Kelly of the County of Cumberland and State of North Carolina a certain negro boy named Gim about eight years old for the some of two hundred and fifty dollars the receipt of where of the said Maures Morrison doth hearby a knowledge and himself to be fully satisfied contented and paid the property of the aforesaid Gim the said Maures Morrison for himself his heirs Executor administrators and assigns do by these presents warent and forever defend to the aforesaid Hugh Kelly his heirs ancestors administrators and assigns forever against the lawfull rights or little of any or all persons to the said Hugh Kelly his heirs and [?]^c forever in witness where of the aforesaid Maures Morrison hath hear unto set his hand and seal

Maures Morrison

Slave Bill of Sale-Patsy, Sold from Daniel McCormick to Hugh
Kelly, 1827

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North Carolina Cumberland County		
<p>Know all men by these present that I Daniel McCormick of the County and State aforesaid do hereby acknowledge to have received from Hugh Kelly of the said County and State three hundred in full payment of negro girl names Patsy about seventeen years of age the property of said Patsy and her future increase I do hereby warrant and forever defend against myself my heirs executors administrators and assigns to the said Hugh Kelly his heirs executors administrators and assigns forever in witness where of I hereby set my hand and seal this 19th February 1827</p> <p>Angus Kelly D McCormick</p>		
Tax Receipt-Arch Johnston, 1797	PC.2042	8
Tax Receipts-Angus Johnson, 1827-1889	PC.2042	9
Included names on tax receipts are Archibald Johnson (1797), Catherine Johnson (1821), Duncan Morrison (1869)		
Tax Receipts-Angus Johnson for Alexander McIntosh, 1837-1857	PC.2042	10
Tax Receipts-Catherine Johnson, 1821	PC.2042	11
Tax Receipts-Hugh Kelly, 1860	PC.2042	12
Tax Receipts-Buie, N.D. and D.M., 1865-1904	PC.2042	13
Statement of Crops Grown for Taxes-Angus Johnson, 1864	PC.2042	14

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Receipts on Accounts for Angus Johnson, 1847-1869	PC.2042	15
Included names on receipts are Ann Johnson and Hugh Kelly		
Appointment of Overseer of Roads-Angus Johnson, 1864	PC.2042	16
Notice to Heirs of Angus Johnson, 1886	PC.2042	17
Land is to be sold on April 5, 1886 for default in payment of taxes		
Letter of Administration for Neil Kelly, March 9, 1811	PC.2042	18
Letter of Administration naming Hugh Kelly administrator of the estate of Neill Kelly		
Appointments to the School Committee-Neill Buie, 1865, 1879	PC.2042	19
Oath of Allegiance-Neill D. Buie, May 23, 1865	PC.2042	20
Voter registration-D.M. Buie, 1902	PC.2042	21
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Gifford Family Geneology, circa 1960's	PC.2042	22

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Photocopies of genealogy records for 1) William Gifford and Jemima Waldo Jacob Gifford and 2) Jacob Gifford and Ann Elizabeth Hill, of West Virginia.		
Mary Hayes Gifford, circa 1980	PC.2042	23
Registry of Remembrances notification for Kenneth Gifford from The National World War II Memorial		
Employment Record for Mary Gifford		
Membership card for the Ladies Auxiliary 17th Airborne Division Assn. for Mary Gifford		
Kenneth Gifford, 1931-1979	PC.2042	24
Clark District Junior High School Report Card, 1930-1931		
Vehicle Registration Receipt, 1955 The Sons of The American Legion Membership Card, 1963 (2) Programs for the Annual City of Fairfax 4th of July Celebration, 1979		
Fairfax Cityscene: A report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax, June 1979 Contains an article about Ken Gifford		
Photograph: (inscribed on the back) M/SGT Kenneth Clayton Gifford (Clarksburg W.Va.)(late of Erwin, NC) Supply Sergeant, 194th Glider Infantry, 17th Airborne Division, WWII (U.S. Army)		
Kenneth Steve Gifford, 1954-1970	PC.2042	25
Department of the Army, Special Orders, 20 Dec. 1970		

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Portrait Certificate

Baby Portrait

Portrait of Kenneth Steven Gifford, Fairfax, Va.

Photographs/Negatives, 1941-1996

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Army Pvt. Steve Gifford, Navy S2C Dennis Wycliff (probably taken in Vienna, Va. or W.Va.), 13 photographs, ca. 1970

Mary Hayes (later, Gifford, of Erwin, N.C.) with soldier named "Douglas", 1 photograph, ca. WWII

Unknown (May be parents or grandparents of Kenneth C. Gifford), 2 photographs, undated

German Photos (Scenes of destruction), 2 photographs, 1941

Kenneth C. Gifford, 2 photographs, 1976

Corporal Kenneth C. Gifford and Mary Hayes, 3 photographs with negatives, ca. WWII

Kenneth C. Gifford in Clarksburg, W. Va., 22 photographs, undated

Photograph of monument dedicated to the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Ardennes, dedicated 1996